

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Marshall	: Group Art Unit: 3691
Serial No.: 10/829,032	: Examiner: Subramanian
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For: A METHOD FOR HEDGING ONE	:
OR MORE LIABILITIES	:
ASSOCIATED WITH A DEFERRED	
COMPENSATION PLAN	

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 5, 2008 OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 5, 2008 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The December 5, 2008 Office Action provided a period of 3 months in which to file a response, i.e., by March 5, 2009. A petition for a three-month extension of time is being filed herewith. Accordingly, a reply to the December 5, 2008 Office Action is now due June 5, 2009 and this Amendment is being timely filed.